

1898 BREAKS ALL RECORDS IN BUSINESS.

Stock Transactions Exceeded in Only Two Years.

EXPORTS PHENOMENAL.

Balance of Trade in Our Favor of About \$617,000,000, Never Exceeded.

GOLD IMPORTS \$140,000,000.

Exports of Flour Almost the Highest, of Corn Never Approached, and Fewer Failures Than Usual.

The year which is just closing has been one of the most phenomenal in the history of Wall Street. The record of stock transactions is the third largest since 1870, while the dealings in bonds is greatly in excess of any previous year. The advances which have been secured have been of the utmost importance, extending to practically every active stock in the market.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include: Listed stocks (shares), 85,820,911; Total, 113,470,383; Government bonds (par), 24,120,210; United bonds (par), 46,240,500.

The bond sales compare with total sales last year of \$342,967,000, and \$208,158,325 in 1896. Since 1879 the stock transactions were exceeded only twice. In 1881 the total was \$17,000,000 shares, and in 1882 \$15,000,000 shares, and last year only 75,000,000 shares.

The actual banking business done during the year was the largest on record, but owing to the operations of the New York Stock Exchange Clearing House check clearances amounting to more than \$8,000,000 were kept from the clearing house of the banks. Had these items passed through the Clearing House Association, as was the case in 1897, the total bank clearances would have exceeded \$20,000,000,000. The bank clearances for four of the big years were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Rows include: 1908, \$41,729,006,799; 1907, \$38,727,471,214; 1906, \$35,016,355,363; 1905, \$34,076,882,882.

On the Consolidated Stock and Bond Exchange the clearances were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include: Railroad stocks (shares), 61,402,080; Wheat (bushels), 142,712,000; Corn (bushels), 1,009,170,343; Barley (bushels), 4,104,000; Pork (barrels), 27,600; Lard (barrels), 78,385; Flour (bushels), 15,400,000.

The records of the foreign trade of the country were never before exceeded. With one day still to be heard from the exports from all ports were about \$1,200,000,000, and the excess of exports over imports about \$617,000,000, as compared with \$357,000,000 in 1897.

In no past year have gold imports reached \$75,000,000, yet this year they have been about \$140,000,000.

Exports of wheat, four included, are 218,004,080 bushels, which was exceeded only in 1892, when the exports were 225,000,000 bushels.

Shipments of corn abroad were 200,973,077 bushels, which breaks all previous records, the only approach having been in 1897, when the exports were 180,000,000 bushels.

As a natural result of the greater volume of trade and the improved monetary conditions there have been fewer failures. During the year the number of failures was 2,112, with liabilities amounting to \$148,084,250, as compared with \$182,881,771 in 1897; \$276,814,975 in 1896; \$102,006,270 in 1895 and \$108,658,891 in 1894.

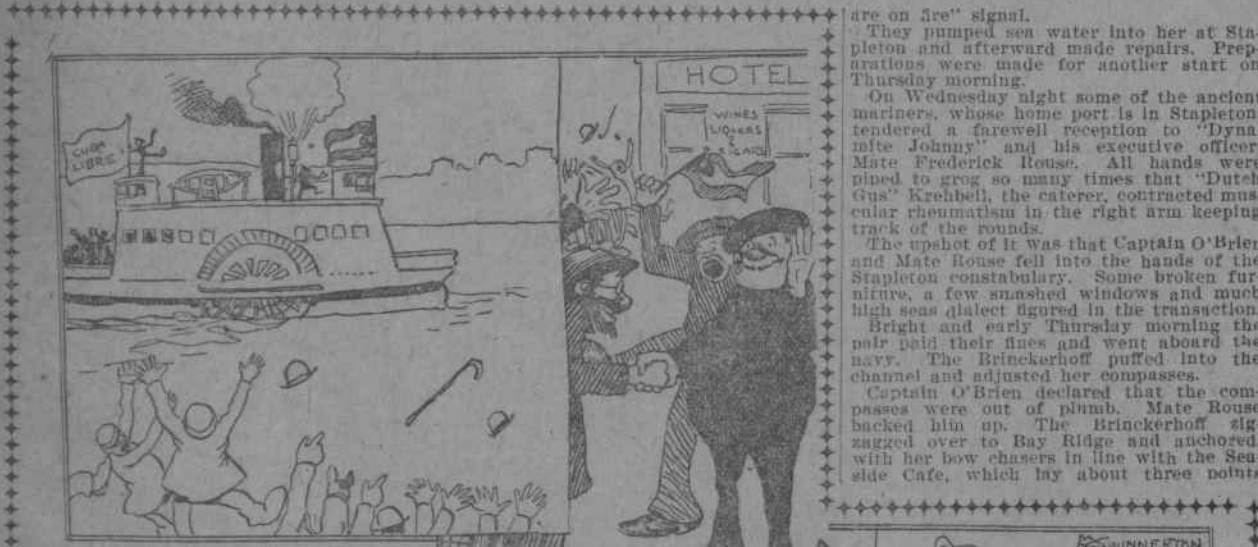
In this statement bank failures are included, with liabilities of \$18,703,580, against \$23,449,700 last year, and \$50,718,315 in 1896.

STRUCK HIS ONLY SON DEAD.

Wehr Had Been Robbing the Child's Bank to Buy Himself Whiskey.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—Frank Wehr, a moulder, to-day struck his only son, Frank, aged twelve, on the head with a hammer and crushed his skull. The crime was committed at his home. This morning Wehr had been drinking heavily and had even robbed his child's bank to procure whiskey.

CUBAN NAVY, ADMIRAL O'BRIEN, SAILS TO-DAY.



THE CUBAN NAVY HAS A ROUSING RECEPTION WHILE OFF BAY RIDGE.

THE Cuban navy is blockading Bay Ridge. When Captain "Dynamite" O'Brien gets ready the blockade will be raised and the navy will set sail for Havana harbor.

Last night the navy's mid hook was sunk in the bottom three fathoms to windward of the long dock at Bay Ridge. Two marines with pumps in their right cheeks stood by to repel boarders and trim the binnacle light.

The snub-nosed ferryboat J. H. Brinckerhoff is the navy. A month ago she was sold to the Cubans, was taken to Havana and used as a means of transporting passengers and freight across the harbor from Havana to Regla.

"Dynamite Johnny" O'Brien, the filibuster, who stands high in the regard of the Cubans, was made Admiral. He agreed to pilot the navy to Havana for \$300 and found.

A week ago the Brinckerhoff started. She was loaded with dynamite and lumbered toward Havana. Both ends were loaded to

HUNGARIAN LOVERS WILL WED IN MIMIC SPLENDOR.



Istvan and Mariska, Who Are to Be Married at a Public Fete.

(Photographs by Newman.)

At the Hungarian Peasant Ball, to-night, Mariska is to be married to Istvan in reality, with ceremonies that are fabulous. They are young, and they have loved each other for years. Every one who knows them speaks well of them. A Journal reporter saw them yesterday. He promised not to tell their family names. These are to be kept secret until midnight. If they were told before then the marriage might not occur. Two stern agents of Hungarian burgomasters would move heaven and earth to delay it. Istvan's father is opposed to his taking a wife; Mariska's father is opposed to her marriage to Istvan.

The have been opposed for seven years those old Hungarian burgomasters, to that inevitable marriage of Istvan and Mariska. It is the old story of Montague and Capulet. The parents of Istvan and Mariska were enemies before their children were born.

Istvan was curious to see the girl that he was born to detest; she was curious to see the boy that she was never to honor with a glance. They met at the hedges when their added ages did not make twenty years.

When she was sixteen and he seventeen he asked for her hand in marriage. That made a scandal in the village. The young girl was sent to America to live among relatives, who would never talk of Istvan, never let Mariska talk of him, never mention Istvan's parents or their friends. Istvan was drafted into the army. When his term of service came to an end he came to New York and learned the furrier's trade in an East Side shop dark as the interior of a tunnel.

Two members of the Hungarian Literary Society, that is doing romantic things on the time, heard of him and transferred him to a West Side shop. He has a fixed income now from his work. He can take a wife. The Hungarian Literary Society, that gave clothes to 315 East Side boys and girls last year, in order to amuse itself, wants him to be married in the manner of a Hungarian prince of the fairy tale.

Madge Lessing, in a Hungarian court costume, is to give the bride away. Morris Cukor is to be the bridegroom's best man. Istvan and Mariska are to be drawn in a magnificent landau and to march on a path of roses and lilies. Alderman Rosenfield is to marry them.

BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONEY

Every Requisition It Made on Board of Estimate Is Honored.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment held its final meeting for the year in the office of the Mayor yesterday afternoon.

The Board allowed the Board of Education

bonds amounting to \$47,000, and authorized the transfer of unexpended balance amounting to \$93,691 from the premium account of bonds already sold, and unexpended balance amounting to \$22,978, the total amounting to \$163,710, which is all that the Board of Education asked for.

Comptroller Cole remarked that every requisition for money presented by the Board of Education for the year had been honored.

ADVERTISE your "wants" in Sunday's Journal.

LOVE'S ROSES DIED; SHE KEEPS HIS \$\$.

Mrs. Lalage Worl, Charged with Larceny by Her Poetic Suitor, Held in Tombs.

BAIL INCREASED TO \$3,000.

His \$1,500 Was for a Boarding House Partnership, He Says, Not a Tender Loan.

When he said that he was in love with her Mrs. Lalage C. Worl obtained \$1,500 from Edward C. Bruce. He is a printer; that was all his wealth. In the police court yesterday he said that he was not in love with her. He said, even, that he was never in love with her. He caused her arrest on Thursday on the charge of larceny, because she had not returned to him his \$1,500.

He said that it was money to be invested in furniture of a boarding-house which was to be placed in his name by a bill of sale. He showed a receipt of Mrs. Worl expressing that condition. She showed his love letters, in which he alluded to the \$1,500 that had passed into her hands as money lent.

He is under the medium height, thin and delicate. He says that he is over forty years of age and divorced. He has blue eyes, scant hair, no beard nor moustache, and is dressed without attention of elegance. He lives at No. 4 Newark street, in Brooklyn.

Both Seem Enraptured.

He has the air that ancient sculptors gave to singers of hymns, because it indicates rapture. Mrs. Worl has the same air. She has blue eyes, dark brown hair, an alert manner. She is thin, small, active. She was dressed in black, with a black and white silk and a pink tie under a white starched collar.

She placed her hands on the railing with an affection of calmness, but turned her head often to the audience in the court room as if she expected to see among the benches some one who failed to appear.

Edward C. Bruce said that he had met her in July. She had advertised then for a business partner. Her proposition was to buy the good will and the furniture of a boarding-house. It had captivated him at once. She borrowed small sums from him and he was glad to lend them. In September he wrote to her.

You are in my life every minute of the day. My first thoughts are of you when I awake in the morning, and I go to sleep thinking of you. If this is not caring for you, then in God's name what is it?

She asked for \$1,500 to carry out her original proposition, when the money that he had lent already was not enough for their conversation. She signed a receipt in which the condition that the furniture of the boarding-house was to be placed in his name was explicitly defined.

In October he wrote:

I was yours, body and soul. And yet, you do not seem to appreciate it. If I were a poet, I would have written instead of the love of an honest man. It is the greatest and best thing I could give you. More than the money I loaned you, at least I think so.

Was This Love's Perjury?

Mrs. Worl could not find the house with the good will and the furniture that she wanted. Mr. Bruce said yesterday that she said in November: "The \$1,500 is in bank in your name." He went to a bank that she mentioned and learned that there was no money there in his name nor in hers. He wrote to her:

I am madly jealous, and under such conditions I cannot live. I am sure you know I love you. I expected that she would return his money to him after receiving this letter, but she did not return it. She alighted him. He brought a suit in a civil court against her. He asked for \$1,500, plus interest, hearing of it, advised him to attack her in a criminal suit. He had written to her:

It is best. I cannot stand the suspense. The poet was right when he said:

Sweetheart, the tracks of love are blind. There is no hand and beaten path. No roses nor make soft the way. They only greet us when we find.

Mrs. Worl was arrested at the Ashland House, whether she went from her house, at No. 54 East Twenty-first street, damaged by fire on Sunday night. The house was transferred to her, for one dollar, by William F. Holcombe, on December 7. She transferred it to Benjamin Schwarz, on December 16, for one dollar.

William F. Holcombe is a septuagenarian and lives at the Ashland House also, since the fire. Benjamin Schwarz gave the house as security for Mrs. Worl's bail when she was brought before Magistrate Wentworth on the night of her arrest.

Magistrate Wentworth wrote to Magistrate Mott, before whom Mrs. Worl appeared in the Centre Street Court, yesterday, to be wary of that bail. It had been fixed by Magistrate Wentworth at \$1,800; Magistrate Mott made it \$3,000.

Robert J. Heves was Mrs. Worl's counsel. He said that the bail was ridiculously high. He said that Dr. Holcombe was in Mrs. Worl's house as long as he lived, which explained the transfer of his house to her for one dollar. Mrs. Worl is imprisoned in the Tombs. The trial of Bruce's suit against her is to be continued on Sunday morning.

Jerome Hoyt Better at Bellevue.

Jerome Hoyt, nephew, and one of the heirs, of the late millionaire Jesse Hoyt, is improving in Bellevue, where he was sent by his wife. He is rational and he says his arrest could have been avoided, but his wife was too hasty.

La Grippe

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CONSTRUCTOR HANSCOM RESTORED TO DUTY.

Secretary Long Disapproves of Sentence of Suspension for Six Months as "Not Punitive."

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Long has ordered the release and restoration to duty of Naval Constructor John F. Hanscom, recently court-martialed on account of frauds committed at the League Island Navy Yard while he was in charge.

Hanscom was accused of fraud, of neglect of duty and of violation of naval regulations in not reporting for two months to the Navy Department. He was sentenced to six months' suspension on furlough pay. Secretary Long approves all the findings, though he holds that Hanscom was guilty of negligence, and disapproves of the sentence as "not punitive."

CANADA CUTS POSTAGE.

Letter Rate from the United States to the Dominion Now Two Cents.

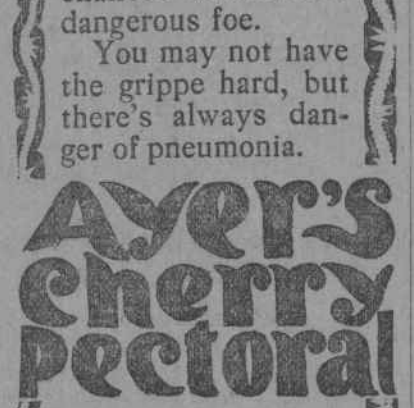
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—Postmaster-General Mulock made the important announcement to-day that on New Year's day the rate on postage for letters within the Dominion of Canada will be reduced from three to two cents. By the terms of the postal arrangements with the United States the reduction will apply to letters from Canada to that country.

On Christmas day the rate of postage from Canada to all parts of the British Empire was reduced from five to two cents.

The Grip

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